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Libya: Reports of Egyptian troop movements into Libya have now been confirmed by the US Embassy in Tripoli. The total number of men involved is still not known but [] there are at least two battalions--one in Tripoli, the other in Benghazi. [] reported that these troops are bringing in antiaircraft guns. Rumors are also reported to be circulating in Tripoli that Egyptian warships are expected to arrive in Libyan waters soon, allegedly to engage in joint naval exercises with the Libyans. There is still no evidence as to the purpose of these movements, but the regime's concern over internal security remains the most likely reason. []

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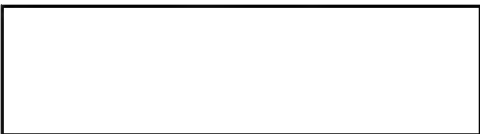
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